

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, Claims 54 and 57 have been amended, and Claims 55-56, 58 and 66-67 have been cancelled. Claims 54, 57, and 59-65 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 51-58 and 61-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) on the grounds of anticipation by U.S. Patent No. 5,658,308 (Snyder). Claims 51-53 were previously cancelled. Claim 54 has been amended to recite "a vasoocclusive coil having a primary coil configuration with a two dimensional J-shaped loop at at least one end, said vasoocclusive coil including a radiopaque strand to provide a radiopaque marker of the deployed configuration of a device made of the vasoocclusive coil during vascular surgery." Support for the amendment can be found in the specification from page 10, line 21, to page 11, line 16, and in Figs. 1-5. Snyder discloses a coil 11 that is a cylindrical helix made from a biocompatible metallic wire, and a plurality of strands 12 extending axially through the open central core of the helix. It is respectfully submitted that Snyder does not teach, disclose or suggest coil having a primary coil configuration with a two dimensional J-shaped loop at at least one end, as is claimed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 54, 57, and 59-65 are novel and inventive over Snyder, and that the rejection pertaining to Claims 54, 57, and 59-65 on the grounds of anticipation by Snyder should be withdrawn.

Claims 59 and 60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) on the grounds of obviousness from Snyder in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,649,949 (Wallace), which was

cited as teaching that the helical loop diameter may be about 2 mm. Claims 59 and 60 ultimately depend from Claim 54, which recites a primary coil configuration with a two dimensional J-shaped loop at at least one end, as noted above. It is respectfully submitted that Snyder and Wallace, either when taken individually or together, do not teach, disclose or suggest a primary coil configuration with a two dimensional J-shaped loop at at least one end, as is claimed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 59 and 60 are novel and inventive over Snyder and Wallace, and that the rejection of Claims 59 and 60 on the grounds of obviousness from Snyder in view of Wallace should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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